

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a system and method that is scalable and configurable to include interfaces for vending equipment monitoring and control capabilities, interfaces for a card reader device and other identification devices as payment for items vended, an interactive interface and protocol for interconnecting the system to a computing platform, and support for a plurality of communication options that include wired, point-to-point wireless, and wireless networking including LAN/WAN/ WCDMA/ CDMA/ CDPD/ 2G/ 2.5G/ 3G solutions. In an exemplary embodiment the system can be embodied in a semiconductor package or module package.

In addition, the present invention relates to effectuating a system and method for accepting, authorizing, facilitating a vending transaction, settling transactions to effect payment for goods and services, gathering DEX and MDB audit data from the vending equipment, communicating digital content between system and server, and data communicating with a plurality of remote locations.